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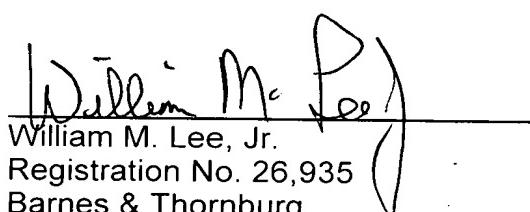
In these amendments, various claims have been amended to remove the limitation to ATM type networks. There is basis for this in the original description at lines 1 and 2 of page 1 which indicates the "invention relates to telecommunications networks, in particular a system and method for asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) transmission of traffic." Since ATM is introduced by the words "in particular", clearly the inventors contemplated that the invention was not limited to ATM. There is no teaching in the specification why the ability to carry narrowband calls over a packet network should be specific to ATM. Hence there is no new subject matter being added.

New claims 10 to 32 have been added. All new claims have the distinctive feature of carrying the indication of the type of the narrowband signalling, and so relate to the same inventive concept. New claims 10 to 14 relate to a method carried out at a sending side. New claims 15 to 20 relate to a method carried out at the receiving side. New claims 21 to 26 relate to apparatus or software at a sending side, and new claims 27 to 31 relate to apparatus or software at a receiving side. Claim 32 relates to a corresponding signal in the broadband network. There is basis for all the claims in the original application, particularly in the description associated with figures 2 and 4, at pages 5 to 7. Accordingly, there is no new matter being added.

Examination of the application is awaited.

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